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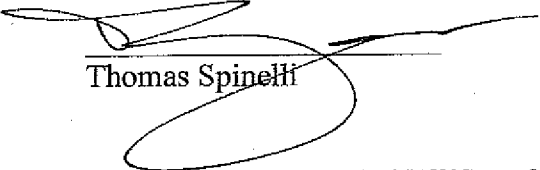
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following reference, which is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. Sho 61-293417 published December 24, 1986 together with English language translation of Scope of Claim for a Patent.

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Further, inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is also being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d), a statement is attached.

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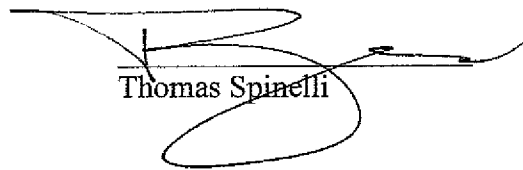
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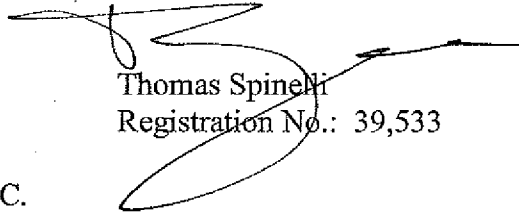
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Therefore, the Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith cannot be considered a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution of the application under paragraphs (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9), or (c)(10) of 37 C.F.R. §1.704.

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